

### REMARKS

The Examiner's remarks in the Office Action of September 28, 2011 (the "Office Action") have been carefully considered. Claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-28, 30-40 and 42-55 are canceled. As requested by the Office Action, claims 9, 20, 29 and 41 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 9 includes the limitations of former claims 1, 7 and 9. Claim 20 includes the limitations of former claims 14, 19 and 20. Claim 29 includes the limitations of former claims 22, 28 and 29. Claim 41 includes the limitations of former claims 35, 40 and 41. As per the decision of the Board of Appeals, claims 9, 20, 29 and 41 are now allowable.

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of all filed IDSs not previously considered, by initialing and returning each Form PTO-1449.

Applicant believes that no fees are due. However, if this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees or credit any overpayments to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

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